

**BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

Department of Consumer Affairs  
1625 N. Market Blvd., El Dorado Room (Second Floor, Room 220)  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
(no board member was present at this location)

The Board of Psychology held its Board Meeting, as noted above, and via telephone conference at the following locations:

8920 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90211 (310) 275-4194	1000 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 610-8866 ext. 221
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9330 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite A San Diego, CA 92129 (858) 484-8332	500 Davis St, Suite 100 San Leandro, CA 94577 (510) 618-6108
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Lassen Training Room Caltrans District 2 West Venture Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 1031 Butte St. Redding, CA 96001 (530) 225-3426	Cerritos Field Office-HQIU 12750 Center Court Drive South, Suite 750 Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 402-4668
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Omni Hotel  
700 San Jacinto Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 476-3700

**Friday, November 8, 2019**

**Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

Stephen Phillips, JD, PsyD, Board President, called the open session meeting to order at 1:05 pm. A quorum was present and due notice had been sent to all interested parties. Board Members not present at the noticed address participated in the teleconference from duly-noticed public locations.

**Members Present**

Stephen Phillips, JD, PsyD, President  
Seyron Foo, Vice-President  
Alita Bernal  
Sheryll Casuga, PsyD  
Marisela Cervantes  
Jacqueline Horn, PhD  
Lea Tate, PsyD

48 **Members Absent**

49 Mary Harb Sheets, PhD

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51 **Legal Counsel**

52 Norine Marks

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54 **Board Staff**

55 Antonette Sorrick, Executive Officer

56 Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer

57 Cherise Burns, Central Services Manager

58 Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Program Manager

59 Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager

60 Evan Gage, Special Projects Analyst

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62 **Agenda Item #2: President's Welcome**

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64 Dr. Phillips delivered opening remarks after establishment of a quorum.

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66 Members of the public who identified themselves on the call included Dr. Jo Linder-  
67 Crow and Dr. Elizabeth Winkelman of the California Psychological Association (CPA),  
68 and Catherine Campbell from the California Protective Parents Association.

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70 **Agenda Item #3: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda. Note: The Board**  
71 **May Not Discuss or Take Action on Any Matter Raised During this Public**  
72 **Comment Section, Except to Decide Whether to Place the Matter on the Agenda**  
73 **of a Future Meeting [Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)].**

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75 Ms. Campbell commented that she appreciated the Board looking at the family court  
76 crisis and called to mind an issue of institutional betrayal leading to institutional courage.  
77 Ms. Campbell requested that the Board self-reflect and use institutional courage itself.

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79 **Agenda Item #4: Review and Possible Approval of Board's Sunset Report**

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81 Ms. Sorrick introduced this item and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to  
82 finalize the draft Sunset Review report for submission to the Business and Professions  
83 Sunset Review Committee by the December 1, 2019 deadline.

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85 Discussion ensued as the Board reviewed the draft Sunset report.

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87 Dr. Horn asked about items in Section 1 highlighted in yellow, whether those highlighted  
88 items would be unhighlighted based on updated meeting attendance. Dr. Phillips replied  
89 that highlighting in this section would be removed based on meeting attendance and  
90 Ms. Sorrick explained that legislative and regulatory information would remain  
91 highlighted until the last moment, in order to capture the most up-to-date status.

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93 Mr. Foo asked about question #16, namely regarding the obstacles faced in hiring staff.  
94 Ms. Sorrick replied that not only do applicants have to take a test, but that they must  
95 also be eligible based on certain qualifications. Military background and college

96 education weigh into this eligibility and ranking. The Board might identify a candidate  
97 who could be a good fit for a Board position only to have DCA's Office of Human  
98 Resources (OHR) deny that candidate as not being 'reachable' on an eligibility list, and  
99 then the Board would be unable to make an offer of employment. Ms. Sorrick explained  
100 that OHR is contemplating developing a single administrative classification, but that this  
101 is still in the works. If and when this comes to pass, this might lessen the obstacle(s) the  
102 Board faces in hiring promising candidates.

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104 As Board discussion continued, minor revisions to wording and sentence order were  
105 captured live and incorporated directly into the Sunset report.

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107 Ms. Cervantes asked, in reference to question #20, whether it should be explained that  
108 the apparent downtrend in Registered Psychologists and Registered Psychological  
109 Assistants is being driven in part by changes in the profession. Ms. Sorrick replied that  
110 the information tabulated here represents the Board's best educated guesses based on  
111 policy changes. In particular, the downtrend might have been influenced by the  
112 imposition of the 72-month rule for psychological assistant registrations, which may  
113 have pushed many more psychological assistants to seek licensure and drop out of the  
114 psychological assistant ranks. Ms. Sorrick explained further that many locations that  
115 previously provided supervised experience were no longer eligible and this, too, may  
116 have pushed psychological assistants to seek licensure. Mr. Thomas added that recent  
117 rule changes caused psychological assistants to obtain their own single registration  
118 rather than having a separate registration for each primary supervisor. Ms. Marks  
119 commented that the older data showed the same number of registrants overall but  
120 spread out over different license types in the newer data.

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122 Dr. Casuga pointed out that the Applied Behavioral Analysis Task Force and the EPPP2  
123 Task Force were not listed as Ad Hoc Committees. Discussion ensued as how best to  
124 indicate the status of the various committees on the Board's website in the most  
125 consistent way. Ms. Sorrick cautioned that this meeting should not review the goals of  
126 the various committees, as that would necessitate convening the ABA and EPPPs task  
127 forces before the December 1 deadline to accommodate those goal revisions.

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129 It was M(Horn)/S(Casuga)/C to approve the Sunset Review report with the changes  
130 incorporated during this meeting, and to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority  
131 to make additional technical, non-substantive changes and finalize the report for  
132 submission to the legislative business and professions committees.

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134 Public discussion ensued regarding the Board's target date for completing  
135 investigations. Ms. Campbell asked whether PM4 included the entire duration of an  
136 investigation, from start to finish. Ms. Sorrick replied in the affirmative and emphasized  
137 that 540 days is a target date mandated to all Boards and Bureaus under DCA. Ms.  
138 Monterrubio referred Ms. Campbell to the Board's website for this information. In reply  
139 to Ms. Campbell's question as to why there was not a count of licensees who have  
140 multiple complaints against them, Dr. Phillips and Ms. Sorrick restated that the Board is  
141 providing specific information in response to specific requests from the Joint Sunset  
142 Review Oversight Committee and that the Board does not have the flexibility to add  
143 unsolicited information.

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145 Ms. Campbell asked whether Subjects are notified when their case goes to the OAG  
146 and Ms. Monterrubio answered that the Subject would have been aware of a formal  
147 investigation going on, but that staff does not inform the Subject that the case would be  
148 referred to the OAG. Ms. Campbell asked how long it takes for the Board to transmit a  
149 case to the OAG and Dr. Phillips iterated that the Board is answering only the questions  
150 that were asked and that these other subjects are on the Board's radar for future  
151 meetings.

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153 Dr. Winkelman asked about Sections 9 and 10, regarding the way an issue becomes  
154 something to be reported during Sunset Review. Ms. Sorrick answered that technical,  
155 non-substantive issues can be reviewed in committee throughout the Sunset process,  
156 whereas more substantive changes would likely cause the Board to seek an author to  
157 pass legislation to deal with bigger issues. Ms. Sorrick further explained that all Boards  
158 and Bureaus receive the same questions for Section 9, whereas Section 10 is this  
159 Board's place to raise its own new issues. She clarified that the issues in Section 11  
160 during the previous Sunset Review are what appear in Section 10 for the current Sunset  
161 Review. What appears in Section 11 for the current Sunset Review will appear in  
162 Section 10 during the next Sunset Review.

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164 Board discussion about meeting attendance ensued. No further public comment was  
165 offered.

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167 Votes: 7 ayes (Bernal, Casuga, Cervantes, Foo, Horn, Phillips, Tate), 0 noes  
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169 **Agenda Item #5: Update Regarding Mathews v. Becerra - California Child Abuse**  
170 **and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) and Mandated Reporting - Penal Code**  
171 **Sections 261.5, 288, and 11165.1**

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173 This item was informational only.

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175 **Agenda Item #6: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings.**  
176 **Note: The Board May Not Discuss or Take Action on Any Matter Raised During**  
177 **This Public Comment Section, Except to Decide Whether to Place the Matter on**  
178 **the Agenda of a Future Meeting [Government Code Sections 11125 and**  
179 **11125.7(a)].**

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181 There were no recommendations made for future agenda items.

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183 **CLOSED SESSION**

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185 **Agenda Item #7: The Board will Meet in Closed Session Pursuant to Government**  
186 **Code Section 11126(c)(3) to Discuss Disciplinary Matters Including Proposed**  
187 **Decisions, Stipulations, Petitions for Reconsideration, and Remands.**

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189 The Board went into closed session at 2:10 pm.

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191 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

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193 The Board returned to open session at 2:32 pm and the meeting adjourned.